

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the specification, the paragraphs [0009], [0053], [0056] and [0059] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Applicant has filed concurrently herewith is a *Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent*, and a check for \$55.00 to cover the required fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d).

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent 4,496,213, to *Borsuk*. Claim 1 has been canceled in this response.

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1-24 of U. S. Patent No. 6,357,929, in view of *Borsuk*. Claim 1 has been canceled in this response. In view of the terminal disclaimer filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), this rejection is overcome with respect to claims 2-23, as amended.

Claims 2-7 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As indicated above, a terminal disclaimer has been filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claims 2-7, as amended, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 8, 10-16 and 18-23 should be allowable in view of the terminal disclaimer filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 8, 10-16 and 18-23, as amended, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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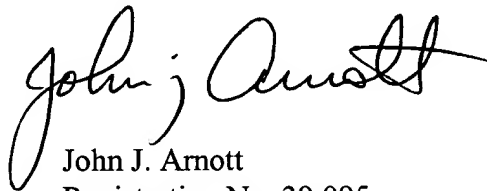
Claims 9 and 17 have been rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In view of the terminal disclaimer filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 9 and 17, as amended, be reconsidered and

withdrawn.

Filed concurrently herewith is a *Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)*, and a check for \$55.00 to cover the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for one month. It is noted that December 14, 2003, was a Sunday, therefore this response is being filed on the next succeeding business day pursuant to 37 CFR 1.7.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims 2-23, as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/FBSI-25,939 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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